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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1060

Offered February 18, 2019

Celebrating the life of George Stenke.

Patrons—Stolle and Knight; Senator: Wagner

WHEREAS, George Stenke, a distinguished veteran, entrepreneur, and generous philanthropist who touched countless lives in Virginia Beach, died on April 4, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Michigan, George Stenke learned the value of hard work and responsibility at a young age as a youth during the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 16, George Stenke joined the United States Navy and served his country during World War II, the Korean War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, and the Vietnam War, rising to the rank of commander; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his 29-year career, George Stenke completed many shore and sea assignments, serving aboard patrol craft, destroyer tenders, supply ships, and aircraft carriers, and received numerous awards and decorations for his meritorious service; and

WHEREAS, George Stenke worked as a fence, siding, and insulation salesman, and after his retirement from the United States Navy, he purchased Hercules Fence; he subsequently expanded his business portfolio by establishing OK Moving and Storage, Pickett Road Enterprises, and Harmony Road Properties; and

WHEREAS, George Stenke built the home in Thoroughgood where he raised his family and used his expertise to help develop the Lake Charles area and enhance the Lake Charles dam for the benefit of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, a devout Catholic who was guided by his faith to help others, George Stenke was a major supporter of St. Pius X School in Norfolk, served on the General Board of Catholic Charities for more than 30 years, and was a founding member of the Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia Foundation, which presented its Lifetime of Giving Award to him in 2017; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his first wife, Josephine, George Stenke will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Carolyn; his daughter, Linda, and her family; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of George Stenke, a member of the Greatest Generation and a pillar of the Virginia Beach community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of George Stenke as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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